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SUBJECT:PROSPECTIVE FRENCH NUCLEAR REACTOR SALE TO PRC

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1. AS PROMISED IN REFTTEL (B) PARA 2 AND 3 BELOW CONTAIN US
PREFERRED SAFEGUARDS AND NON-PROLIFERATION CONDITIONS FOR
THE TRANSFER IN QUESTION. GIVEN THE SHORT TIMING, THESE
CONDITIONS HAVE NOT BEEN CLEARED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF
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THE GOVERNMENT. THE INFORMATION NEEDED FOR THE DETERMINA-
TION ON THE MILITARY IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSED FRAMATONE
SALE IS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 4. IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR TO
THE FRENCH, AS EMBASSY PARIS SUGGESTS, THAT THE US CANNOT
MAKE A DETERMINATION ON THE TRANSFER UNTIL THIS INFORMATION
CALLED FOR IN PARAGRAPH 4 BELOW IS RECEIVED, ANALYZED, AND
A DECISION MADE AS TO THE POSSIBLE NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLI-

CATIONS. THE ULTIMATE USG POSITION MAY HAVE TO BE DECIDED AT SENIOR LEVELS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

2. SAFEGUARDS AND NON-PROLIFERATION CONDITIONS. WE PREFER IAEA SAFEGUARDS, BUT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO ENDORSE FRENCH/PRC BILATERAL SAFEGUARDS. IN ANY EVENT, IN OUR VIEW THE APPLICABLE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT SHOULD (1) PROVIDE FOR SAFEGUARDS COMPARABLE TO THOSE OF THE IAEA; AND (2) STIPULATE THAT REGARDLESS OF ANY TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT, THE MATERIAL AND THE REACTOR SUBJECT TO SAFEGUARDS WOULD REMAIN SUBJECT TO SUCH OBLIGATION, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE ITEMS ARE CONSUMED OR DISMANTLED OR WERE OTHERWISE NO LONGER USABLE FOR ANY NUCLEAR ACTIVITY IN THE PRC RELEVANT FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF SAFEGUARDS.

3. WHATEVER SAFEGUARDS ARE APPLIED, WE BELIEVE THAT THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA SHOULD BE MET BY THE AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE REACTOR AND ANY MATERIAL USED OR PRODUCED THEREIN:

- NONMILITARY AND NONEXPLOSIVE PLEDGE BY THE PRC
- SPENT FUEL WOULD BE RETURNED TO FRANCE FOR STORAGE AND/OR REPROCESSING (WITH PLUTONIUM RETAINED IN FRANCE)
- FOR A MUTUALLY AGREED PERIOD OF TIME ANY REPLICATION (REPLICATION MEANS DESIGNING, CONSTRUCTING OR OPERATING ANY EQUIPMENT OR FACILITY ON THE BASIS OF OR BY THE USE OF ANY TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO THE PRC REGARDING THE REACTOR

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INCLUDING TECHNOLOGY INCORPORATED IN ANY EQUIPMENT FOR THE REACTOR WHICH IS TRANSFERRED) OF THE TRANSFERRED REACTOR TECHNOLOGY WOULD REQUIRE THE SAME CONDITIONS AS WERE REQUIRED FOR THE ORIGINAL TRANSFER

- NO RETRANSFER OF THE REACTOR OR THE REACTOR TECHNOLOGY WITHOUT MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF FRANCE AND THE U.S.
- WHILE NOT A REQUIREMENT, WE NOTE THAT IF THE URANIUM IS NOT FROM A COCOM STATE IT COULD SIMPLIFY THE COCOM APPROVAL PROCESS.

4. TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER INFORMATION NEEDED FOR U.S. DETERMINATION. (A) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE PROPOSED EXPORT INCLUDING THE EQUIPMENT, TECHNOLOGY, AND SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED. THIS DESCRIPTION SHOULD IDENTIFY ANY DESIGN AND/OR MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY TO BE SUPPLIED. IN ADDITION, SUFFICIENT DETAILED TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO PERMIT A DETERMINATION OF THE STATE-OF-THE-ART OF THE EQUIPMENT, TECHNOLOGY, AND SERVICES TO BE FURNISHED. (B) THE TIME PERIOD IN WHICH THE EXPORT IS EXPECTED TO OCCUR. (C) A DESCRIPTION OF THE CHINESE PROJECT FOR WHICH THE EXPORT IS INTENDED, THE EXTENT OF CHINESE PARTICIPATION AND, IF AVAILABLE,

(D) A DESCRIPTION OF
WESTINGHOUSE OR OTHER U.S. INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT IN THIS
EXPORT. THIS DESCRIPTION SHOULD COVER ANY PLANS FOR CON-
SULTING SERVICES, VISITS TO U.S. FACILITIES AND DESCRIP-
TION OF EQUIPMENT/INFORMATION TO BE OBTAINED FROM U.S.
MANUFACTURERS.

5. ANY FURTHER INFORMATION EMBASSY PARIS CAN PROVIDE ON
THE SAFEGUARDS CONDITIONS EXPECTED TO BE ATTACHED TO THIS
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